

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 580 Department or Agency Alabama Department of Mental Health

Rule No. 580-5-30-.02

Rule Title: Method of Delivery

         New          **X** Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? NO

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer Debbie J. Popwell

Date 9/18/20

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Alabama Department of Mental Health

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Mental Health

RULE NO. & TITLE: 580-5-30-.02 Method of Delivery

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Developmental Disabilities Division of the Alabama Department of Mental Health proposes to amend Chapter 580-5-30, Intellectual Disabilities Services, and repeal Chapter 580-5-33, Administrative and Support Requirements for Community Providers of Intellectual Disabilities Services. These proposed changes are intended to streamline and consolidate requirements and replace language deemed outdated and inappropriate current professional standards of practice. All requirements recommended for deletion from the Administrative Code shall be adopted in ADMH Policies and/or in DDD Operational Procedures as appropriate.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to Debbie Popwell, Director, Office of Certification Administration, Alabama Department of Mental Health, 100 North Union Street, Suite 540, Montgomery, Alabama 36130 by mail or in person or by electronic means to [Debbie.popwell@mh.alabama.gov](mailto:Debbie.popwell@mh.alabama.gov) until and including November 4, 2020. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or arguments orally should contact Ms. Popwell by telephone at (334) 353-2069 during this period to arrange for an appointment.

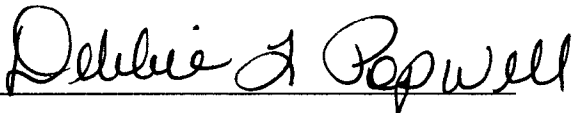
FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 4, 2020

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Persons wishing a copy of the proposed may contact Debbie Popwell, Department of Mental Health, 100 North Union Street, Suite 540, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

(334) 353-2069

A copy of the proposed change is available on the department's website at <http://mh.alabama.gov>. Click on Provider Portal and then Certification to find code with changes.



(Signature of officer authorized to promulgate and adopt rules or his or her deputy)

**580-5-30-.02 Method Of Delivery.** The DDD Division of Developmental Disabilities provides, residential care and treatment through a statewide Regional Service Delivery System divided into geographic regions, all of which includes the office of a Regional Community Services office, Comprehensive Support Teams, and services contracted with public and private organizations.

(1) Regional Community Services is a major component ~~division~~ of the service delivery system and has as its objectives the following:

(a) Planning, supporting and coordinating generic and specialized services available through community agencies,

(b) coordinating service and support needs with community service agencies,

(c) assisting in the development of community-based programs and supports,

(d) planning, in coordination with the applicable 310 agency and/or other provider agencies, implementing and monitoring of contracted services. Regional Community Services operates according to the philosophy that each individual should have the opportunity to live in an environment with only the supports necessary for the individual to be successful which are chosen by the individual and their family or guardian or advocate.

(e) Regional Community Services operates according to the philosophy that each individual should have the opportunity to live in an environment with only the supports necessary for the individual to be successful which are chosen by the individual and their family or guardian or advocate.

(2) Comprehensive Support Services (CSS) Teams. The Alabama DMH Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), CSS teams provides a comprehensive array of specialized services for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the State of Alabama utilizing an interdisciplinary team model throughout the five DDD regions who meet criteria for services.

(a) Services Provided through CSS are: Specialized behavioral and psycho-social services, consultations, evaluations, and training designed to increase the capacity and expertise of agency or organization personnel or family serving and supporting the individual, as well

as to assist the individual. Psychiatric, Medical, and Dental consultation services are also available on a case-by-case basis utilizing the expertise of multiple team specialist.

Services Provided through CSS are: Specialized services, consultations, evaluations, and training services are provided in a manner that is designed to increase the capacity and expertise of agency or organization personnel serving the individual, as well as to assist the individual, and are organized by specialty; however, ~~CSS Comprehensive Support Services~~ team member's activities overlap specialty areas requiring interaction in an inter-disciplinary manner. Therefore, any of the activities in the areas of behavioral services, psychiatric consultation services, medical consultation services, and dental services may require the participation of multiple team specialists.

~~(f) Comprehensive Support Services teams assess the need for and assist with providing an array of supports to individuals who require specialized services. Additionally, these teams assist providers with developing internal capacity related to these and other specialty areas.~~

~~(g) Comprehensive Support Services team will, at a minimum, consist of the following personnel as described by the current personnel classification system: A doctoral level Psychologist who serves as the team leader and is responsible for coordinating the development and maintenance of procedures and protocols (standardized across teams) addressing all activities of the team, including the intake process; Psychological Associate; a Psychological Assistants; a Primary Care Physician; a Psychiatrist; a Dentist; and, a Habilitation Treatment Coordinator/Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP).~~

~~(h) Individuals Served: Individuals who meet the American Association on Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (AIDD) definition of having an intellectual disability and present issues which require diagnostic or treatment consultation are eligible for services provided by the Comprehensive Support Services teams.~~

~~(i) Services Provided: Specialized services, consultations, evaluations, and training services are provided in a manner that is designed to increase the capacity and expertise of agency or organization personnel serving the individual, as well as to assist the individual, and or organized by specialty; however, Comprehensive Support Services team member's activities overlap specialty areas requiring interaction in an inter-disciplinary manner. Therefore, any of the activities in the areas of behavioral services, and dental services may require the participation of multiple team specialists.~~

~~(j) Accessing Services: In order to access Comprehensive Support Services, provider agencies and/or families should contact their Regional Community Services Office. The Directors of these offices implement established procedures for processing and prioritizing referrals.~~

**Author:** Division of Developmental Disabilities ~~(DMH)~~

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §22-50-11.

**History:** **Amended:** Filed February 4, 2005; effective March 11, 2005. **Amended:** Filed January 17, 2011; effective December 21, 2011. **Amended:** Filed August 26, 2019; effective October 10, 2019. **Amended:** Filed September 18, 2020.